

Appl. No. 10/719,245
Amendment dated March 9, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed February 9, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 18 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled. Claims 13 through 17 have been withdrawn. No claims have been added.

In response to the election requirement mailed February 9, 2006, applicant hereby elects the species of Figures 1 and 2, which is presently covered by Claims 1 through 12 and 18, inclusive. Claim 1 is generic to the elected claims.

Non-elected Claims 13 through 17 relate to the embodiment shown in Figure 3 of the present application.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

CONCLUSION

An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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